

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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2 A retractable leash device is comprised of a housing with a handle, and a leash wound around an  
3 internal reel. The reel is biased by a spring to automatically retract the leash. A momentary  
4 unidirectional lock in the housing is arranged to be normally disengaged from unidirectional  
5 teeth on the reel. When the momentary unidirectional lock is actuated, the reel is engaged by a  
6 ratchet to prevent rotation in the release direction but permit rotation in the retract direction. A  
7 toggle lock in the housing is movable between an unlocked position away from the reel, and a  
8 locked position between cogs on the reel. A geared rotation damper is engaged with a concentric  
9 gear on the reel to limit retraction speed. A clip attached to the housing may be clipped around  
10 the leash when the leash is wrapped around a fixed object.